

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2004 – 1000 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Southern Area and light elsewhere, with 1,814 new fires reported for the week.

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CEDAR TREE	OK	OKS	100	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR
QUININE FLATS	OK	OKS	300	100	---	4	0	2	0	0	NR
SANDERS FLAT	OK	OKS	210	100	---	4	0	1	0	0	NR

OKS= Oklahoma Division of Forestry

EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
WELLMAN	MO	MOS	597	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR

MOS= Missouri Department of Conservation

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: For the Southern Area, strong gusty winds will affect portions of Texas Friday as a storm system moves through the central states. A cold front over the Mississippi River Valley on Friday moves east Saturday and then off the Carolina coast by Sunday. A generally dry northwest flow will prevail over the area Sunday through Thursday except for a frontal system moving across the Appalachians on Tuesday. For Southern California, high pressure will bring dry weather to the area through next Thursday.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Southern California Patchy morning low clouds and fog coastal areas, otherwise mostly sunny.	65 to 75 coastal areas. 50 to 65 mountains. 65 to 80 valleys. 60 to 70 upper deserts. 70 to 80 low deserts.	20 to 40%.	Southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph.



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FREQUENT SPOT FIRES ACROSS THE LINE

There are few watchout situations that state more clearly how much potential your fire has for rapid, uncontrolled growth. Consider the following questions if you are getting spot fires across your line:

- Can you handle increased spotting? List some ways you can keep ahead of spot fires (gridding the green, lookouts, etc.)
- Do you have a plan for long-range spotting? In what fuel type and under what conditions will you likely have long-range spotting? What types of plans can you think of for handling long-range spotting?
- Is help available if necessary? What kinds of resources will you have in place or order to handle spot fires?
- If fire behavior increases, is your position still defensible? Discuss what type of action you might take if a spot fire takes off.
- Do you have more than one safety zone in case one gets cut off? Describe how you might have multiple safety zones.
- Do the primary lookouts have a good view of the situation? Discuss who might be acting as a lookout (e.g., crew member, air resources, etc.) and how you will get good information from that person. (Are you relying on an air attack who is busy with airtankers?)
- Is the primary burning period ending? Talk about how your tactics may vary from finding spot fires early in the day to later into the evening. Review Probability of Ignition (PIG) and what it can tell you about spotting potential.
- To reduce the risk, be ready to retreat. Keep your guard up even if spotting has not occurred for a few hours. Review fires where you have had frequent spot fires and what you learned about controlling them.

FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES					9		9
	ACRES					40		40
Southern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	3				1	3	7
	ACRES	33				37	3	73
Eastern Area	FIRES					214	48	262
	ACRES					1,682	1,168	2,850
Southern Area	FIRES	8		11	8	1,478	29	1,534
	ACRES	85		453	25	13,926	342	14,831
TOTAL	FIRES	11	1	11	8	1,702	81	1,814
	ACRES	118	0	453	25	15,685	1,513	17,794

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES			1		108	25	134
	ACRES			1		17	10	28
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					859		859
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		1		2	3	8	14
	ACRES		1		1	2	8	12
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	3			1	4	5	13
	ACRES	33			0	4,221	66	4,320
Eastern Area	FIRES					340	77	417
	ACRES					5,026	1,465	6,491
Southern Area	FIRES	64		20	9	5,478	86	5,657
	ACRES	13,435		3,849	26	41,719	1,537	60,566
TOTAL	FIRES	67	1	21	12	5,934	201	6,236
	ACRES	13,468	1	3,850	27	51,844	3,086	72,276

Eight Year Average Fires	8,597
Eight Year Average Acres	153,019

Averages are computed from data reported to NICC during the second reporting period in March

and

*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						24	24
Northern California	FIRES		0		2		4	6
	ACRES		5		1		15	21
Southern California	FIRES			1			2	3
	ACRES			137			37	174
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		5					5
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						4	4
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			2		0	0	2
	ACRES			42		2	1,664	1,708
Eastern Area	FIRES			3	1		12	16
	ACRES			680	1,125		4,963	6,768
Southern Area	FIRES	2		33	11	5	111	162
	ACRES	270		10,995	10,568	3,258	76,289	101,380
TOTAL	FIRES	2	1	39	14	5	134	195
	ACRES	270	10	11,854	11,694	3,260	82,996	110,084

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		21	1			26	48
	ACRES		1,796	10			504	2,310
Northern California	FIRES		0	3	6		37	46
	ACRES		6	2,489	13		883	3,391
Southern California	FIRES		2	1	1		36	40
	ACRES		23	0	10		3,048	3,081
Northern Rockies	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1,200	1,200
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						30	30
Southwest	FIRES	8	4		1		67	80
	ACRES	3,145	1,190		12		1,520	5,867
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	3	3	4	3	2	15	30
	ACRES	159	83	77	107	49	3,031	3,506
Eastern Area	FIRES			3	3	2	29	37
	ACRES			680	1,159	1,000	6,718	9,557
Southern Area	FIRES	24		86	32	68	486	696
	ACRES	5,019		36,693	27,590	61,187	428,304	558,793
TOTAL	FIRES	35	30	98	46	72	699	980
	ACRES	8,323	3,098	39,949	28,891	62,236	445,238	587,735

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						1	1
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

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RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest										
Northern California										
Southern California										
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area										
Southern Area					1					
Total	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

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